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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Support)

SUBJECT: Comments of DCI Trip Report Items

1. This memorandum is for your information and use as desired.

2. The over-all listing of CIA overseas stations and the status of our communications facilities is being submitted separately, together with a comprehensive overseas personnel requirements review.

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3. With regard to [REDACTED] the listing confirms that emergency communications facilities do not exist there now. The NEA Division requested sometime ago that the Office of Communications install voice equipment capable of being operated by regular staff personnel. The assignment of an operating technician was specifically ruled out due to staffing pattern regulations. At the time of the NEA request, the Office of Communications did not have equipment which would meet the requirement. After considerable investigation, a commercially available set was selected for procurement as an interim solution. We expect the equipment to be available for shipment to [REDACTED] approximately 1 February. Due to the location of [REDACTED] in relation to other Office of Communications facilities, the successful technical operation of this emergency equipment is problematical. The longer term solution is the establishment of a CW station manned by competent technical personnel.

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4. The Office of Communications does not have any new formula for the reduction of cable traffic. Efforts by the DD/P have produced definite results, although world events have inevitably occasioned certain traffic increases. It would appear that an improvement in the normal pouching time between Headquarters and Field Stations would provide the most effective counter to cable traffic.

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